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VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Request for the Mount Vernon City Council to enact legislation to Amend Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center funding legislation to add expense code 8020.405 for funds received from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund and African American Mayors Association. For consideration on the agenda at the February 14th, 2025, City Council meeting.

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council consider and enact legislation to amend previously adopted legislation to include expense code **8020.405**, thereby enabling the Finance Department to process payments in support of the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center (MVFEC).

The City Council previously legislation related to the MVFEC Ordinance 31 approved on August 14, 2025. A copy of ordinance is attached for reference. While this approval authorized the City to receive funds to support the underlying programmatic and contractual framework, the inclusion of expense code 8020.405 is now necessary to ensure proper fiscal processing and continuity of payments associated with the operation and administration of the MVFEC.

Amending the prior legislation to include this expense code will allow the City to efficiently meet its financial obligations and maintain compliance with internal accounting and budgetary procedures.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Marlon Molina
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Comptroller Darren M. Morton
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff

